Evasion of excise duty by TATA Group

2128. SHRI ASH3K NATH VERMA: Will th$_e$ Minister of FINANCE b$_e$ pleased to state:.

(a) whether it is I iact that officials of the Bihar Gpvernnr nt have detected excise duty evasion to ;he tune of Rs. 65,000 by a firm of Tat$_a$ Group of Companies;

(b) if so, what a e the details thereto; and

(c) whether any $_c$iher firms in Jamshed-pu$_r$ were also fou: d in evading excise duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): a) to (c) The matter 'does not relate to c^'a-ion oi Central Excise duty. It is how ever learnt that Bihar State excise authorises have seized meth-yleted Spirit in Jily, 1987 for alleged evasion of Excise' duty.

Passing on the ilesigns of arms to foreigners

2129. SHRI J. *V.* GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFEN< E b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it iv a fact that some offi cers of the Gun anc Shell Factory at Cossipore, $_a$ northern si burb of Calcutta, have been found indulgi lg =ii passing on the designs of arms and armament manufactur ed at the factory to \ foreigner as reported in Th$_e$ Hindustan Time- dated the i6th July, 1987;

(b) if so, what *re the details in this regard and what ire the particulars of persons involved in this: an'd

(c) what action 'Ms been take$_n$ against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT O ′ DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES in the MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No. ir.

(b) At the request of an Indian Firm the Officer-in Chai ge and 2 other officers **of** Gun and Shell Factory had a meeting with a foreign representative of a UK firm and three representatives cf th$_e$ Indian firm at the Inspection Bungalow of the factory on 12-6-1987. On the basis of certain information the officials oi CBI confronted th$_e$ foreign representative of UK firm and recovered two drawings from his brief-caso One of them was identified by an officer of Ordnance Factory Board as not relating to any defence item produced in the Ordnance Factories. Th$_e$ other drawing was an unclassified one for seamless tubes- No re' port ha$_s$ been received from the CBI so far**.**

(c) Does not arise.

स्वीडिश आडिट ब्यूरो की रिपोर्ट

2130. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी** : क्या **रक्षा** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने स्वीडन की सरकार से आडिट ब्यूरो की रिपोर्ट भेजने का अनुरोध किया है जो बोफोर्स तोपों की बिक्री के बारे में है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह अनुरोध कब किया गया था और इस संबंध में अब तक प्राप्त परिणामों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । बोफोर्स ठेके के संबंध में स्वीडिश नेशनल आडिट ब्यूरो द्वारा लेखा परीक्षा, भारत सरकार के अनुरोध पर की गई थी । स्वीडिश नेशनल आडिट ब्यूरो की रिपोर्ट 4 जून, 1987 को नई दिल्ली स्थित स्वीडिश दूतावास के जरिए प्राप्त हुई थी । स्वीडिश सरकार ने रिपोर्ट के कुछ निर्णायक अंश रोक लिए थे । जैसे ही रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई उसे 4 जून, 1987 को समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित कर दिया गया था ।

Central excise tariff

2131. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that item no.